Appointment of Petrol and Gas Dealers

3426. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many dealers have been appointed for petrol pump and cooking gas in last 15 months;

(b) the names of the persons to whom and where the petrol pumps and gas dealership were sanctioned during the period; and

(c) whether Government have made any change in the criteria fixed for *selection of gas agencies*?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Oil Companies have issued Letters of Intent for 30 retail outlets and 94 LPG distributorships to various deserving persons all over the country during August, 1991 to October, 1992.

(c) No, Sir.

Revision in Price Formula for Natural Gas

3427. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have revised the pricing formula for natural gas recently;

(b) if not, whether the proposal to revise the same is under consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the delay is adversely affecting the interests of oil producing companies; and

(e) what are the demands of various States for sharing natural gas for the next 5—10 years and decisions taken thereon during the recent past and proposals under consideration including proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No. Sir

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Allocations of gas are not on Statewise basis.

अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों को खुदरा तेल बिक्री केन्द्रों का आवंटन

3428. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अनुसूचित जातियों के व्यक्तियों को खुदरा तेल बिक्री केन्द्रों का आबंटन करने के संबंध में कोई प्रयास किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है?

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्तियों को आबंटित किये गये ऐसे खुदरा तेल बिक्री केन्द्र कितने हैं; और

(घ) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रयोजनार्थ वर्षवार कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुए?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। तेल चयन बोर्डों द्वारा चयन किए जाने वाले डीलरशिपों और डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों का 25 प्रतिशत अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों के लिये आरक्षित है।

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(घ) तेल चयन बोर्डों के माध्यम से डीलरों के चयन के लिए आवेदन-पत्र उद्योग द्वारा प्राप्त किए जाते हैं। सरकार ऐसे रेकार्ड नहीं रखती है।

गुजरात में पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों और गैस की खोज/सर्वेक्षण

3429. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा** : क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात में पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों

और गैस की खोज/सर्वेक्षण की दिशा में कोई प्रयास किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान जिन स्थानों पर खोज कार्य किया गया है; उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) प्रत्येक स्थान पर किये खोज कार्य/सर्वेक्षण के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) पिछले 3 वर्षों में गुजरात में 43 स्थानों पर भूकंपीय सर्वेक्षण और 65 स्थानों पर अन्वेषण वेधन किया गया है जिससे 8 स्थानों पर नयी खोजें हुई हैं जो पश्चिमी बेचराजी के आई एम, अन्दादा, जंम्बूसर, नांदेज, प्लेज, सांगनपुर और दक्षिणी पटन हैं।

Extension of HBJ Gas Pipeline to Eastern Uttar Pradesh

3430. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the HBJ Gas pipeline to feed the fertiliser plants at Phoolpur (District Allahabad) and Gorakhpur which have to be modernised; and

(b) if not, whether Government have examined the techno-economic feasibility of extending the pipeline for developing the backward regions of eastern Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

Uncommissioned Agencies in Maharashtra

3431. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas agencies in the metro towns within the Municipal Corporations area which have not been commissioned despite issuance of letter of intent and the re-advertisement of the dealerships town-wise and company-wise;

(b) the number of such uncommissioned agencies within the State of Maharashtra;

(c) the number of wait listed customers in the above metro and Municipal Corporations towns in Maharashtra; dealer-wise/location-wise;

(d) the reasons for non-commissioning of the agencies and the action proposed by Government; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Government propose to change the norms for selection of dealers in the above areas in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There are 9 LPG distributorships in Bombay for which LOIs have been issued and which are yet to be commissioned.

(c) As on 1.10.1992, the Waiting List for the State of Maharashtra was 14.67 lakhs.

(d) These distributorships are under various stages of commissioning, for completing the necessary formalities and acquiring the required infrastructure.

(e) No, Sir.

Raids Conducted by CBI at ONGC Official's Residences

3432. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Indian Express dated the 25th November, 1992 under the caption "CBI raids ONGC official's residence";

(b) whether any arrest has been made;

(c) what were the incriminating materials seized; and